THE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE

400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 USA

March 26, 2021

A Resolution

Concerning Elimination of the Rhode Island Promise Program's Sunset Provision

Whereas, the Community College of Rhode Island is an open access, public institution of higher education; and

Whereas, the Rhode Island Promise program facilitates access to public higher education; and

Whereas, the Rhode Island Promise program promotes equity in higher education; and

Whereas, the Rhode Island Promise program has proven effective in improving student retention and completion since its inception in 2017; and

Whereas, as a "last-dollar" scholarship program, Rhode Island Promise funds only the costs of tuition and mandatory student fees after Federal grants and scholarships are factored; and

Whereas, as a modest public investment in human potential, the social and economic benefits of the Rhode Island Promise program to our state far exceed the program's costs; therefore

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of the Community College of Rhode Island, in its capacity as the committee of the faculty pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 16-33.1-3, expresses its gratitude to Senate President Dominick Ruggerio and House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi for their efforts to eliminate the Rhode Island Promise program's sunset provision.

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of the Community College of Rhode Island, in its capacity as the committee of the faculty pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 16-33.1-3, endorses bills 2021-S 0079 and 2021-H 5224.

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of the Community College of Rhode Island, in its capacity as the committee of the faculty pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 16-33.1-3, urges the State of Rhode Island General Assembly to approve bills 2021-S 0079 and 2021-H 5224.

Resolved, That the Chair of the Faculty Senate transmit these resolutions to the President of the Community College of Rhode Island and the State of Rhode Island General Assembly.